

Please do not mandate copy protection in the next generation of television signals. The move by the media industry to get this implemented is an overly restrictive ploy to limit the fair use rights of consumers in the home environment. Just as individuals today are free to record a television program for private home use, HDTV should not take away this freedom. Any detrimental or harmful activity (piracy, etc.) from having this right, is greatly eclipsed by the beneficial, fair, and perfectly legitimate activities of millions of consumers. I urge you not to give in to the demands of the media industry, whose opinions are already grossly overvalued in today's marketplace.